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- 1. ROK DEL CITED REF A HEADED BY MINCOMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHANG ARRIVED SANA FRIDAY OCT 17. TELEGRAM ANNOUNCING THEIR ARRIVAL REPORTEDLY GOT TO YAR FONMIN EARLIER SAME DAY BUT YARG RECEIVED DEL CORDIALLY AND ARRANGED ACCOMMODATION PRESIDENT'S GUEST HOUSE. APPOINTMENT WITH LEADING OFFICIALS SET FOR OCT 18, 19, AND 20.
- 2. AS ROK DEL MADE NO ATTEMPT CONTACT US, EMBOFFS SOUGHT
 OUT DEL, BRIEFED THEM REFTELS B AND C AND OUTLINED AT THEIR
 REQUEST POSSIBLE AREAS ECONOMIC COOPERATION. OFFERED ALSO COORDINATE
 NEXT LOCAL SUADI/UK/US-APPROACH TO YARG OF KOREAN QUESTION.
 MIN CHANG MADE IT CLEAR TO EMBOFF ON TWO OCCASIONS, HOWEVER,
 THAT HIS DEL WHILE APPRECIATING OUR EFFORTS
 TO BE OF ASSISTANCE FELT THAT CIRCUMSTANCES OF VISIT
 MADE IT IMPORTANT MINIMIZE CONTACT BETWEEN US TO EMPHASIZE
 THAT THIS VISIT ROK BILATERAL INITIATIVE AND NOT AT US
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INSTIGATION. ROK DEL THEREFORE TURNED DOWN SEVERAL

INVITATIONS MEET WITH US.

- 3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFS B AND C, AMB MADE APPOINTMENTS WITH BOTH PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI AND DEPPRIMIN JAGHMAN IN ORDER RAISE MAKKI MATTER AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN TIME BENEFIT ROK MISSION. HAMDI MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATER TODAY AND WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. ROK DEL INFORMED.
- 4. JAGHMAN TOLD AMB HE ANGERED BY MAKKI'S COMMENTS
 TO AMB SHERER AND
 INDICATED YARG MIGHT TAKE APPROPRIATE
 MEASURES TO PREVENT MAKKI SETTING OWN COURSE ON KOREAMR
 AND OTHER UN ISSUES
- 5. REFERRING TO ROK DEL NOW IN SANA, JAGHMAN STRESSED
 TO AMB ROK SHOULD BE WILLING MAKE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC
 AS WELL AS POLITICAL GESTURE TO YEMEN IN EXCHANGE FOR
 YARG UNDERTAKE POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION SIGNIFICANTLY
 DIFFERENT THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS NECESSARY
 TO OFFSET LEFTIST CRITICISM AND ALLOW YEMENIS POINT TO SOMETHING
 FROM NON-COMMUNIST ASIAN FRIENDS. FACT THAT JAPAN
 STILL OFFERING YEMEN NOTHING MADE MATTER WORSE. JAGHMAN
 DESCRIBED APPROPRIATE POLITICAL GESTURE IN TERMS OF
 ESTABLISHMENT FORMAL RELATIONS WITH RESIDENT ROK MISSION
 IN SANA. EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE YARG ATTACHES TO
 ROK ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO
 SOME KIND KOREAN INVOLVEMENT IN LARGE-SCALE PURCHASE
 AND/OR MANAGEMENT OF YEMEN SALT INDUSTRY.
- 6. JAGHMAN INTIMATED YARG MIGHT CONSIDER VOTING YES ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IF KOREAN INVOLVEMENT IN SALT OR OTHER INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE.
- 7. JAGHMAN'S COMMENTS PROMPTLY RELAYED TO ROK DEL.
 COMMENT. YARG'S RECEPTION OF ROK DEL AT SHORT NOTICE CERTAINLY
 INDICATION OF GOOD INTENTIONS, PARTICULARLY AFTER VISIT EARLIER
 IN WEEK OF HIGH RANKING NORTH KOREAN DEL. MAKKI HAS MANAGED
 CREATE PROBLEM WHICH REACHES YARG CREDITABILITY AND REPUTATION.
 PROBLEM IS STILL UNSOLVED, AND WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT SUGGESTED
 YARG WITHDRAW MAKKI BUT THAT MAY BE NECESSARY IF INACTION CONTINUES
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AND MAKKI REMAINS IN DRIVER'S SEAT. BEST SOLUTION IS ONE JAGHMAN SUGGESTED: ROK POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFER WHICH WILL ENSURE FORTHRIGHT YEMEN ACTION ON KOREAN ISSUE. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE TOLD ROK REPS ALL THEY NEED TO KNOW BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT ROK WILLING OFFER. WOULD NORMALLY WELCOME INDEPENDENT ROK ACTION BUT IN THIS CASE IT CLOUDING OUR ABILITY FORESEE OUTCOME, OFFER ADVICE. WE WOULD WELCOME SEOUL COMMENTS THIS MATTER. LOCALLY WE NOT CONFIDENT ROK MISSION CAN OR WILL

COMMIT RESOURCES NECESSARY TO GET YARG TO ACT. WE MAY THEREFORE
HAVE TO TRY FORCE ISSUE IN TERMS USG OR SAUDI RELATIONSHIP WITH
YARG. EVEN THIS WILL BE HARD IF ROK DOSEN'T ADD TO THE
STAKES.
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